

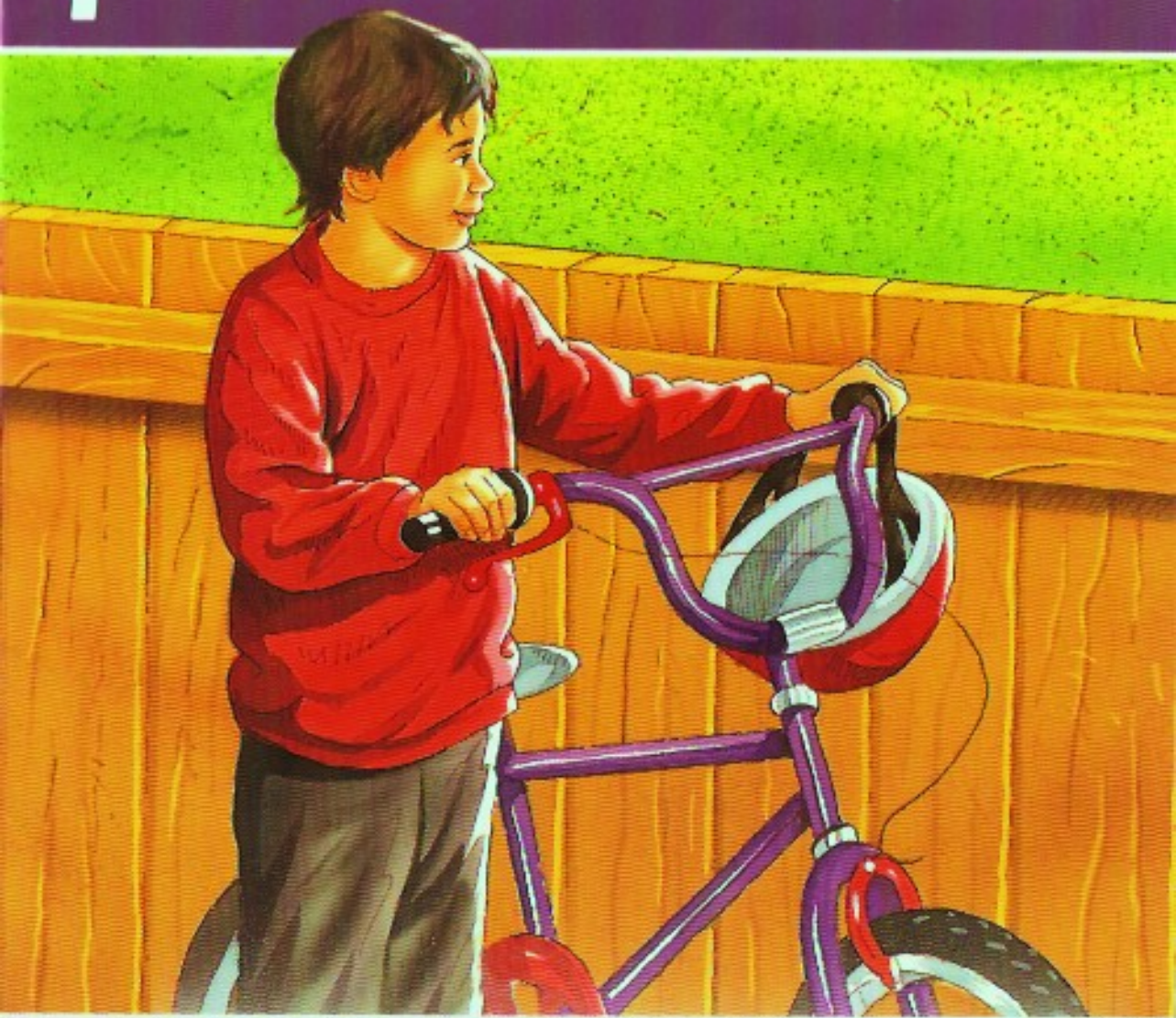
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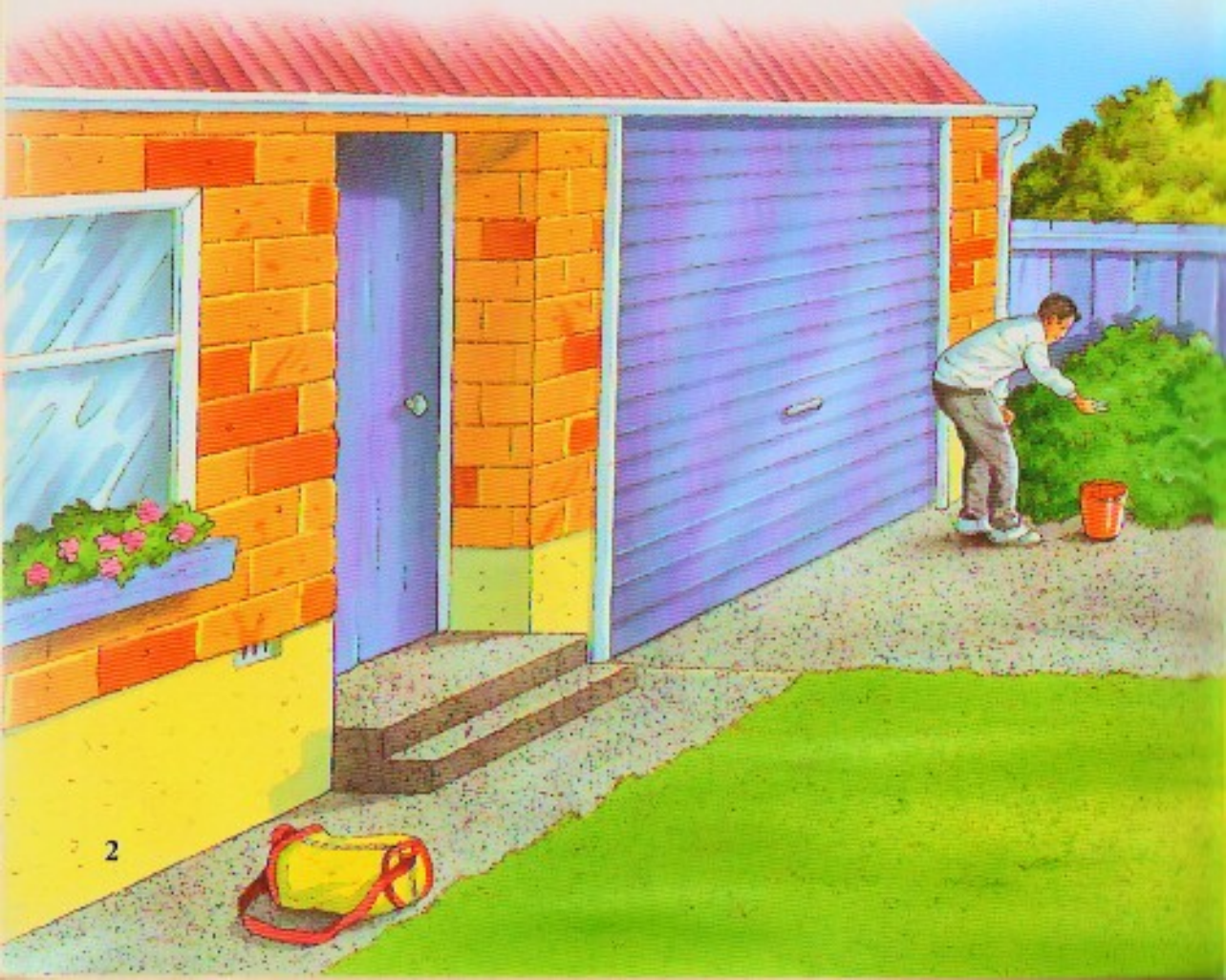
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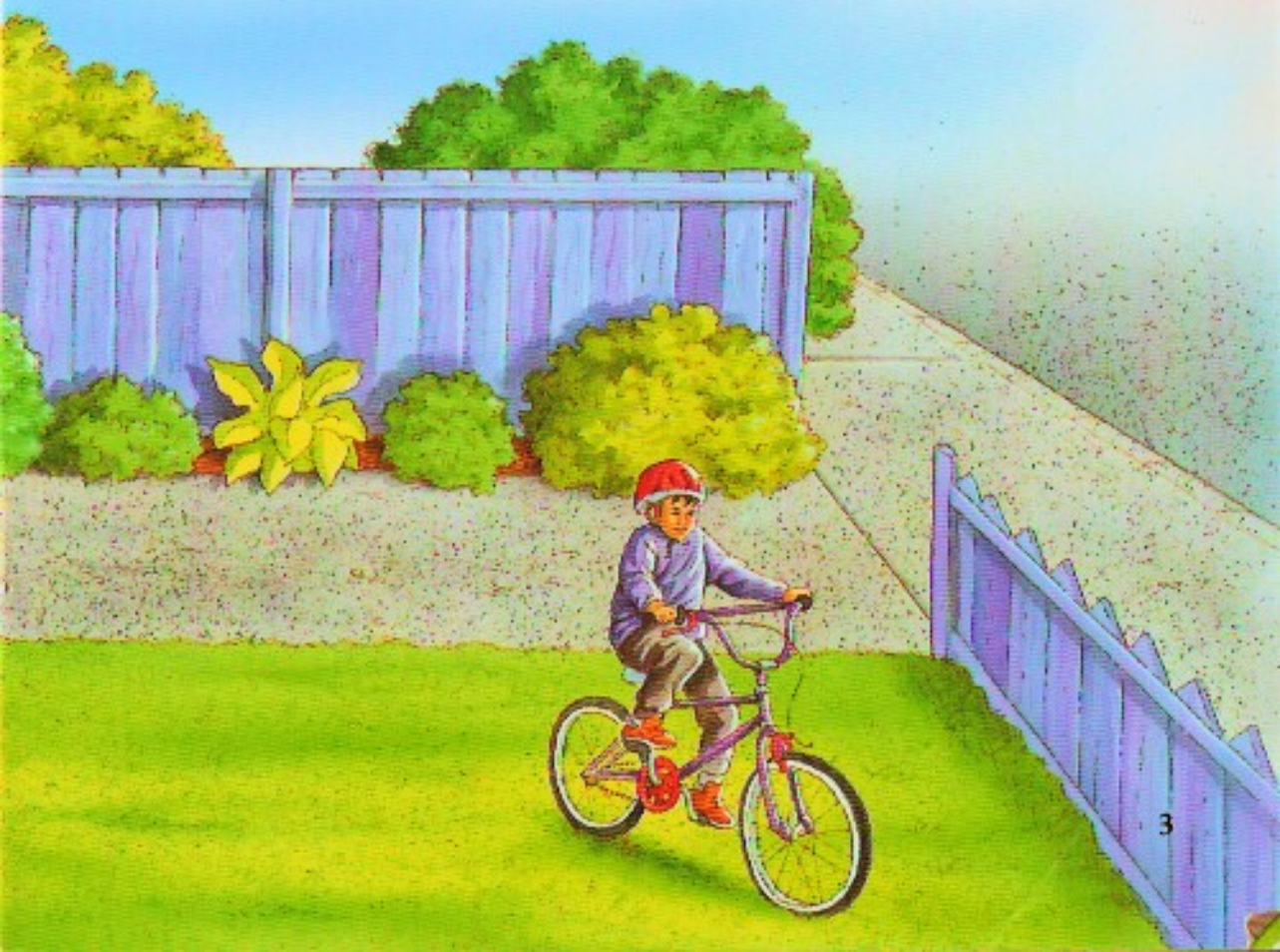


Zac was having one last ride
on his bike.
He was waiting
for his grandparents to come.
He was going to their new house
for a holiday.



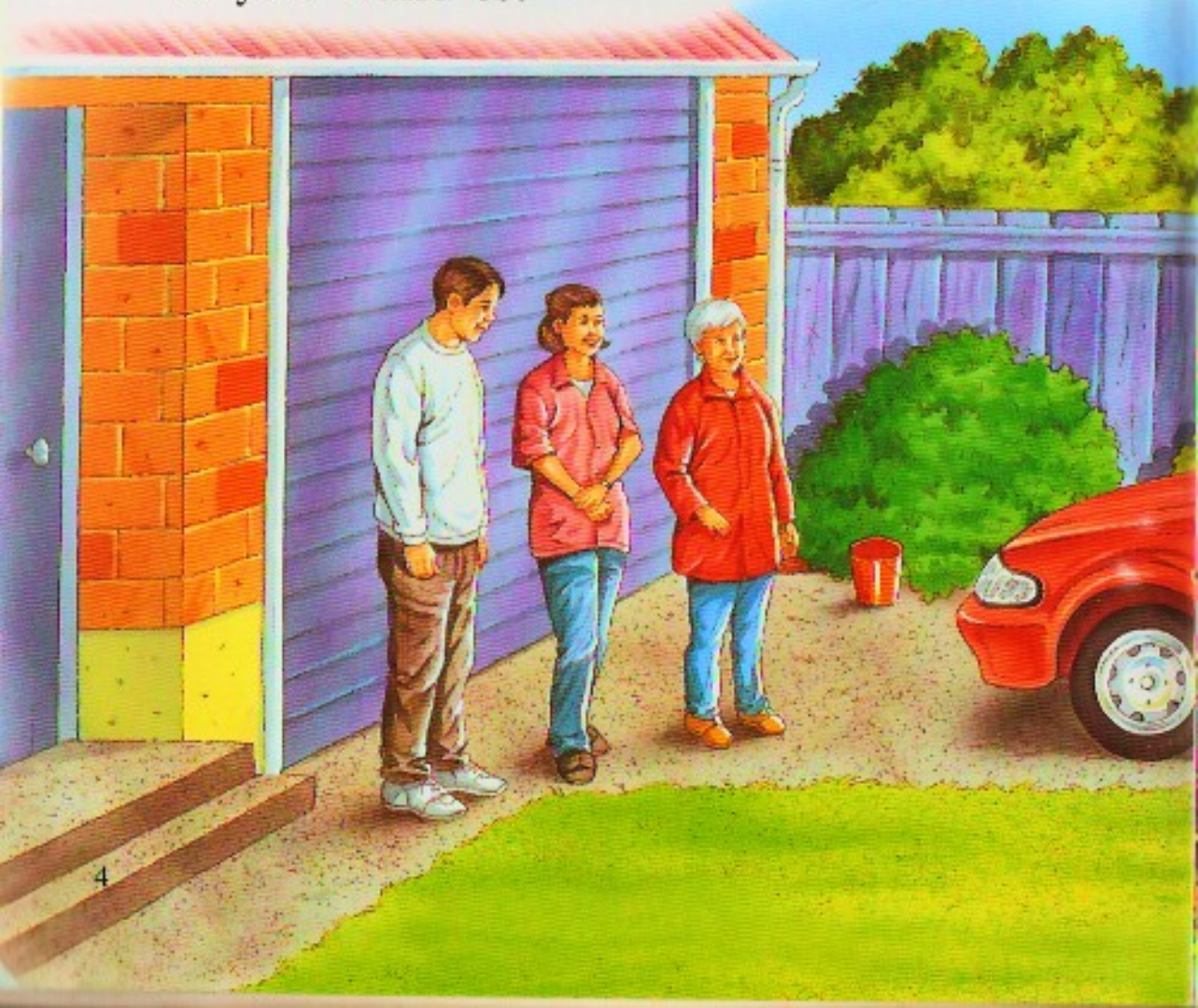
Zac couldn't take his bike with him.
His dad had told him
that there wouldn't be anywhere
for him to ride it.

And Zac loved riding his bike.



When his grandparents came,
Zac ran to put his bag in their car.

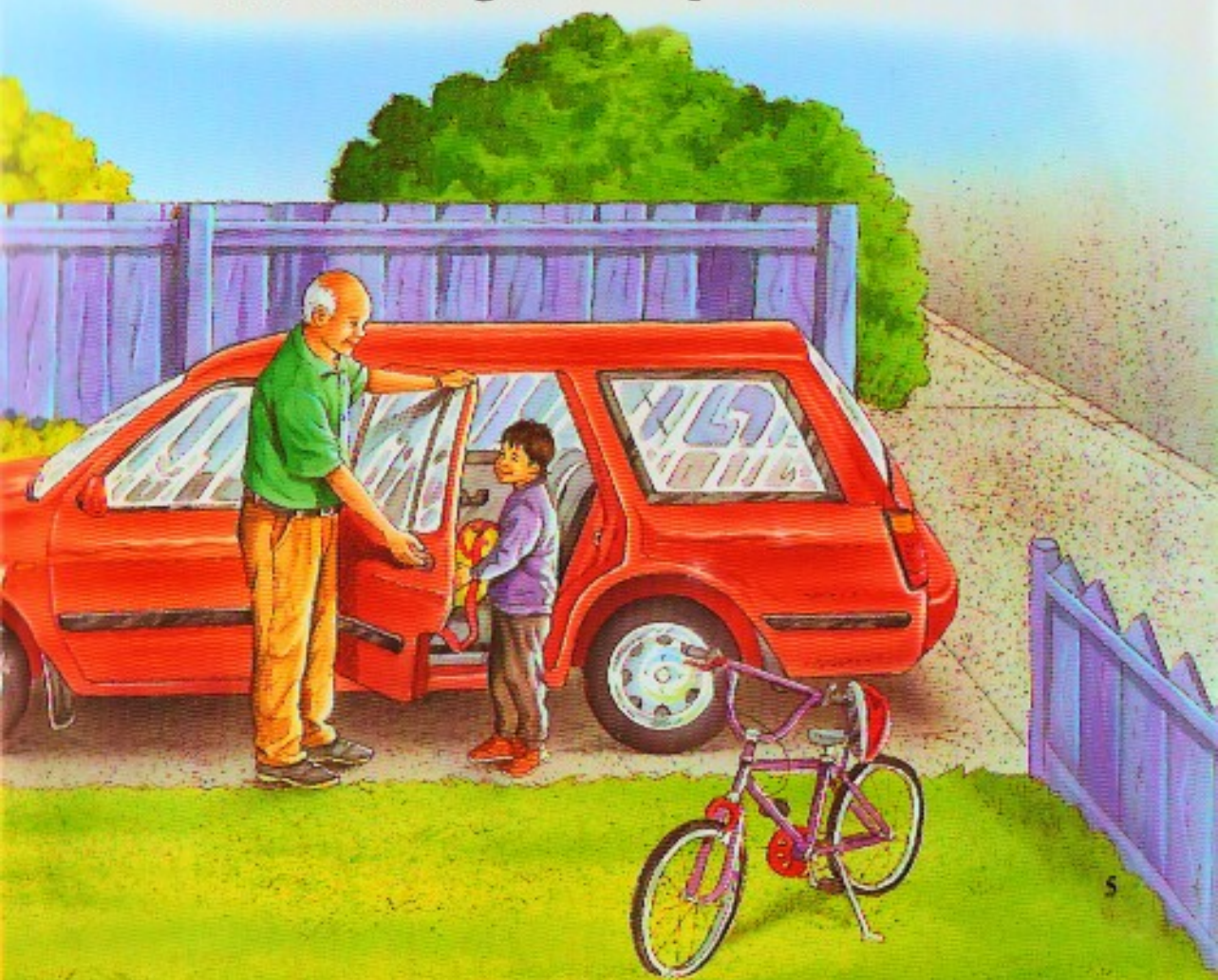
Then Grandad said,
“You can bring your bike
if you want to.”



“But Dad said there’s nowhere
to ride it at your place!”
said Zac.

Grandad smiled.

“You could get a surprise,” he said.



By the time they got
to Gran and Grandad's house,
Zac was very tired.
They all went inside,
and Zac got ready for bed.



Just as Zac was falling asleep,
he said to himself,
“I wonder why Grandad told me
I could get a surprise...”



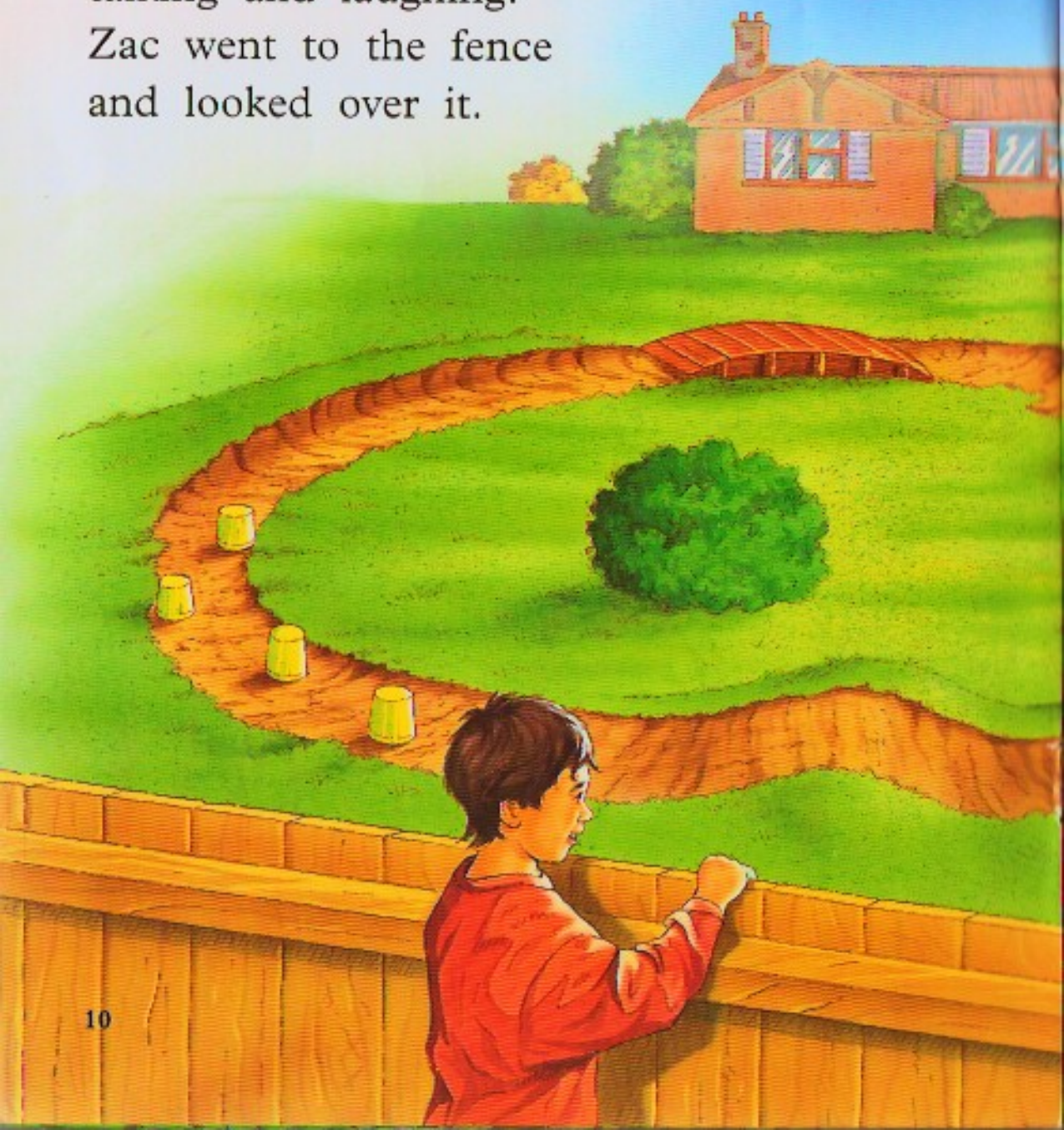
The next morning,
Zac ran outside to get his bike.
He looked around the backyard.
There were too many plants
and not much grass.



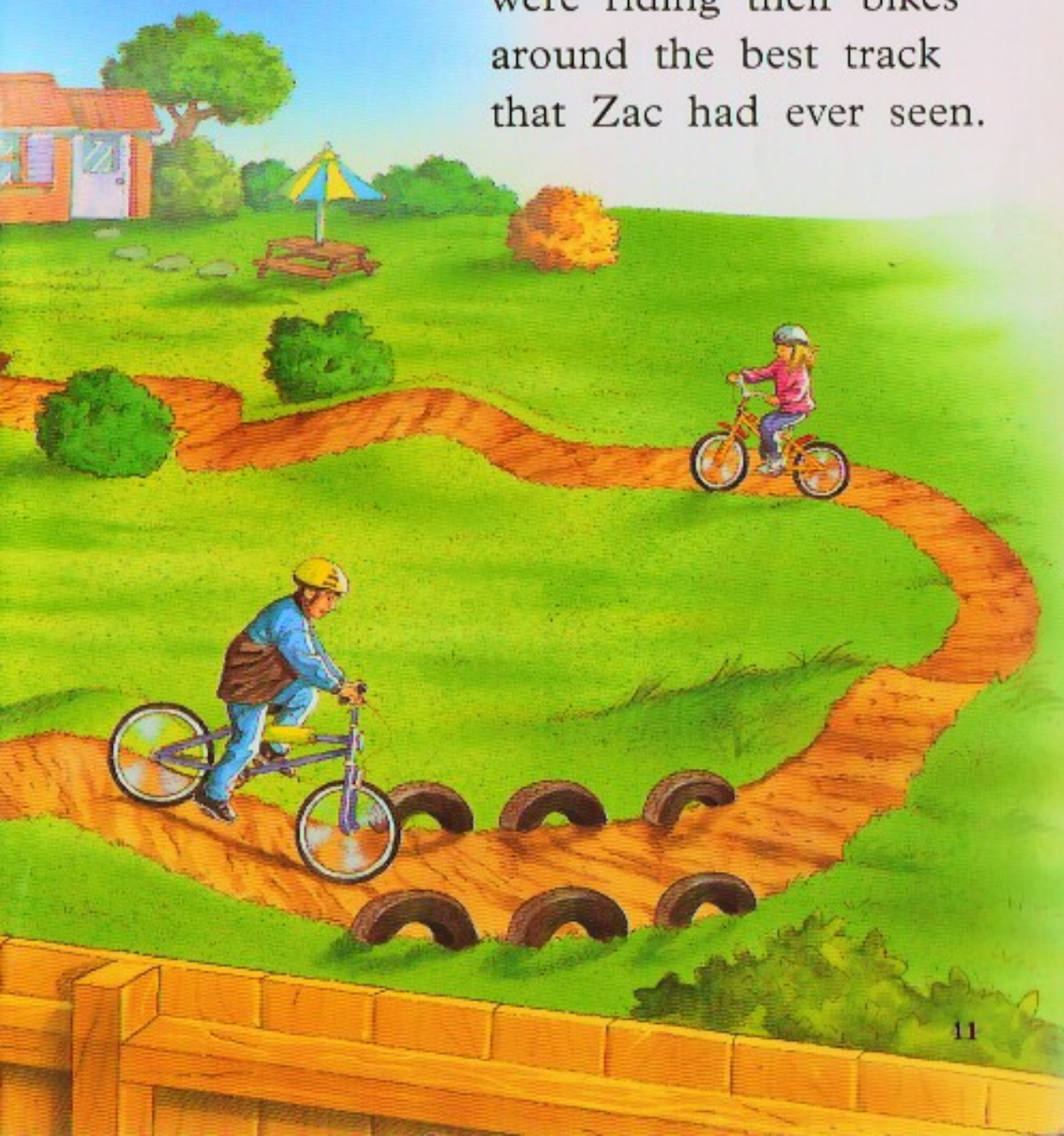
There was nowhere for him to ride.



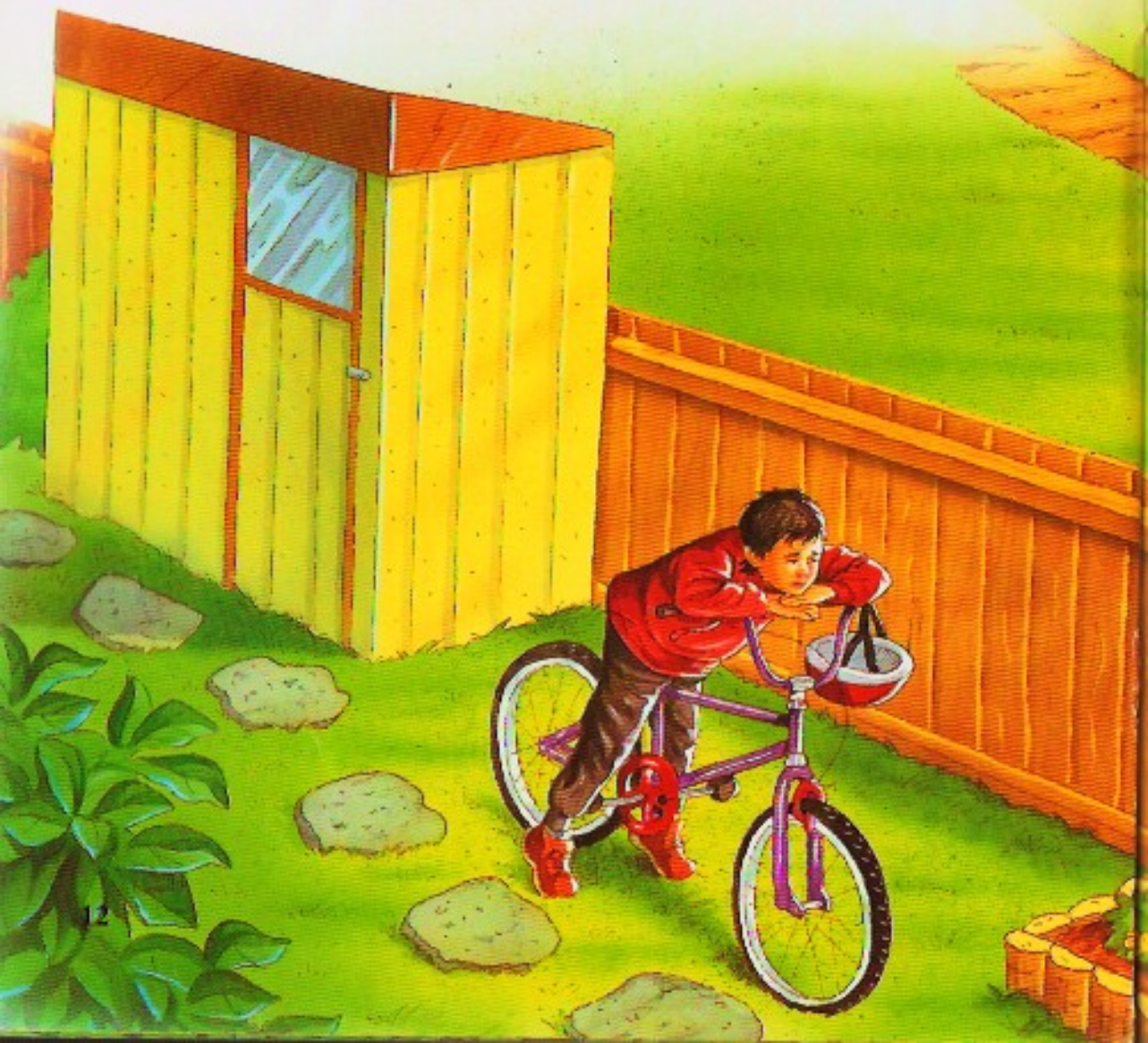
Then Zac heard some children
talking and laughing.
Zac went to the fence
and looked over it.



A boy and a girl
were riding their bikes
around the best track
that Zac had ever seen.



Zac went to sit on his bike.
“They are very lucky,” he said.
“I wish I had a track like that.”



But the children had seen Zac.
They rode over to the fence.

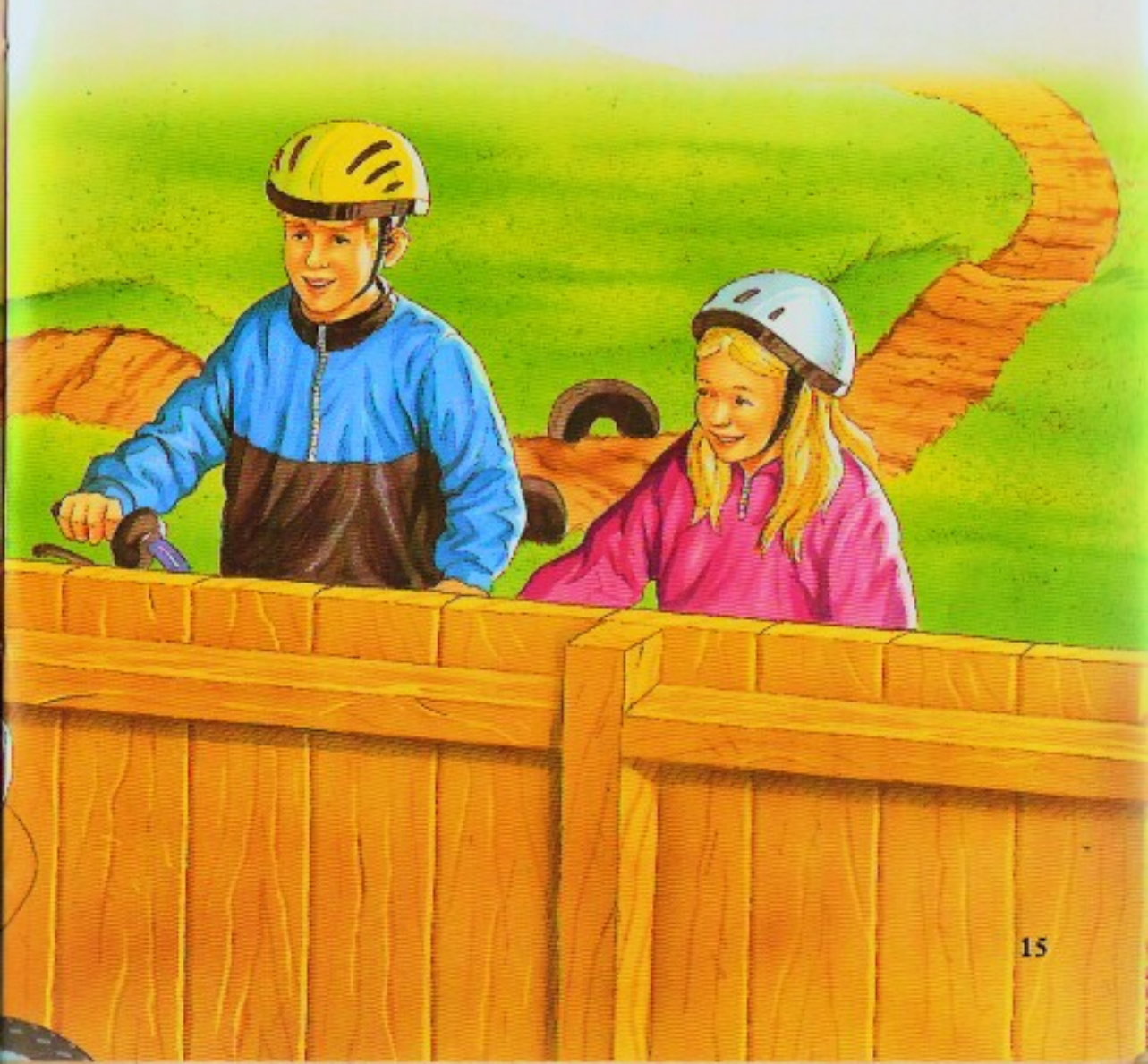


The boy said, "Hi, Zac.
I'm Matt, and this is my sister, Lucy.
We knew you were coming."

"Do you want to have a ride
around our bike track?" asked Lucy.



“Your grandfather helped our dad
to make it,” said Matt.
“So you can ride on it
whenever you come to stay.”



Zac felt very happy as he rode his bike round and round the track.
Gran and Grandad came to watch him.

“Now I know what the surprise was!”
Zac called. “Thanks Grandad!
This is a **great** bike track!”



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